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THE BLM GIFT CATALOG

The US Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior, is proud to bring you its first Gift Catalog. Through this unique concept in sharing, you will have an opportunity to do something special for your friends, your family, your community, and your country — as well as for yourself.

The BLM Gift Catalog offers numerous gift ideas that can help assure the continuation of wildlife, trail-building, and recreation programs in these times of government belt-tightening. You can personalize your gift by selecting the item or program you most wish to support.

BLM appreciates every tax-deductible gift or donation, large or small. As you leaf through our catalog, you will notice the variety of programs in which BLM is involved. Whether you choose to provide a bale of hay for wild horses and burros gathered from BLM lands, or picnic tables or benches for numerous BLM visitor areas — wherever you choose to lend your assistance — you will discover that your gift offers a way to become part of the rich history related to the management of our public lands.

Join with us and share in the rewarding feeling of assuring future generations the ability to enjoy the heritage of the public lands, passed on to us by those who preceded us. Discover the personal satisfaction that comes from helping to determine the future of the public lands — your lands.

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THE STATE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

"We, of the California Bureau of Land Management, are proud of many accomplishments on the public lands throughout the State. Most were accomplished through the continued support of the public in a spirit of cooperation.

"Our success has always depended upon our ability to grow and change. In order for us to retain a high standard of quality in services to you, the public, it also requires a strong commitment from each of you — the very public we serve.

"It is imperative that we make the wisest use of all the resources available to us. The development of the BLM Gift Catalog is one avenue we have chosen to seek alternative funding for those projects which might remain incomplete if it were not for the dedication of people such as yourself.

"The Gift Catalog helps you get personally involved in the management of our public lands.

"The BLM staff people in California are enthusiastic about the future of the public lands. We look at the vast desert regions, the magnificent mountains, the oak strewn foothills, the timbered Pacific coves, and we know the people of California want those resources managed so they will continue to offer their beauty for generations to come.

"We look forward to working with you as you dedicate your time, your efforts, and your dollars toward making the public lands all they can and should be.

"Your investment can give you a sense of accomplishment little realized any other way. Become a "partner" with BLM in public land management"

Ed Hastey

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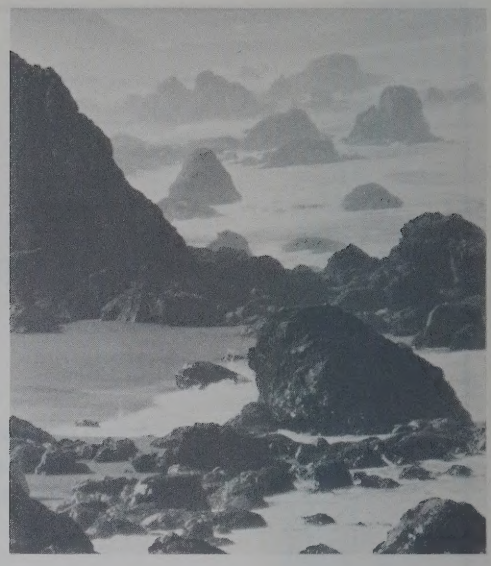
INTRODUCTION



Few citizens realize it, but for every California resident — man, woman, or child — the Department of Interior's **Bureau of Land Management** administers three-quarters of an acre of public land in their behalf.

In the Golden State, with a population surpassing 25 million people, BLM-managed public lands cover slightly more than 17 million acres, managed under a policy of multiple use and sustained yield. This means that the needs of the land, its resources, the plants and the animals that live on it, must be considered equally with potential uses for recreation, for wilderness, for wildlife, for watershed, for grazing, for minerals, and/or for timber.

All of these things must be considered while determining the needs of future generations, as well as the long-term productivity of those lands.

To respond to this divergence of needs and disciplines, your Bureau of Land Management has chosen to offer the **BLM Gift Catalog** as an opportunity for each of you to participate in helping provide for the varying needs of the public lands and the selected programs aimed at making better use of these public lands.

You are presented an opportunity to become a **Partner** in public land management. Your generosity will make this program work. The **BLM Gift Catalog** can be the public's way of directly improving, preserving, and using wisely these resources.

Put simply, it is through your individual involvement in the management of the public lands suggested in the **BLM Gift Catalog**, that you can assist in the creation of an ideal outdoor recreation setting; provide for an enrichment of nature study or cultural knowledge; or be the catalyst for a great expansion of public uses of these lands.

A gift, selected from the **BLM Gift Catalog**, will help BLM meet the challenge of providing the greatest number of opportunities for activities to the largest number of visitors possible, while preserving our lands for the enjoyment of future generations.

As you will be able to tell as you scan through the Gift Catalog, BLM needs a broad range of materials and volunteer services. Each citizen, club, association, or corporation, will find a significant item they can donate for the betterment of our public lands.

Each gift will be formally acknowledged by BLM direct to the giver. Listed items in the **BLM Gift Catalog**, or cash donations are equally welcomed.

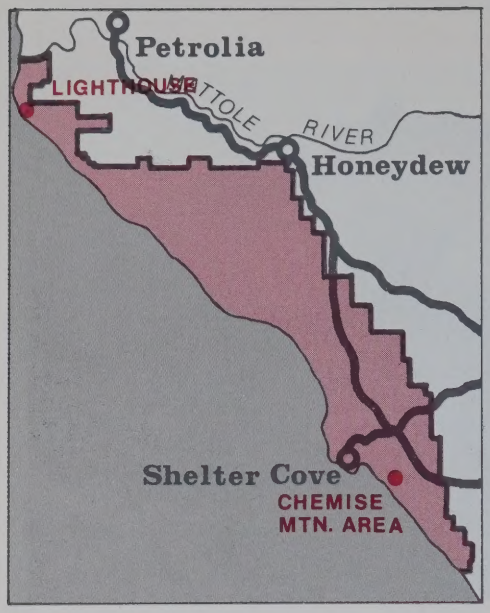
Remember too, that all gifts to BLM under this program are tax deductible. Most importantly, you will have that wonderful inner feeling that you have done something worthwhile for your country, for the BLM, and yourself.

For information, contact the State Director, BLM, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825. Telephone: (916) 978-4743. BLM thanks you.

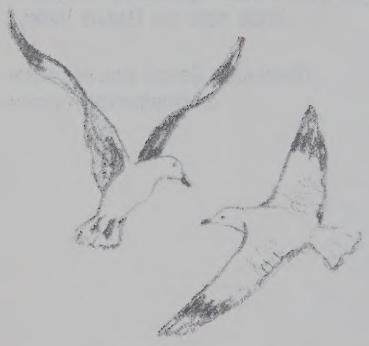
California's turbulent north coast

Hang-gliders soar high above the public lands near the Owens Valley.

Chuckwalla Bench area of critical environmental concern



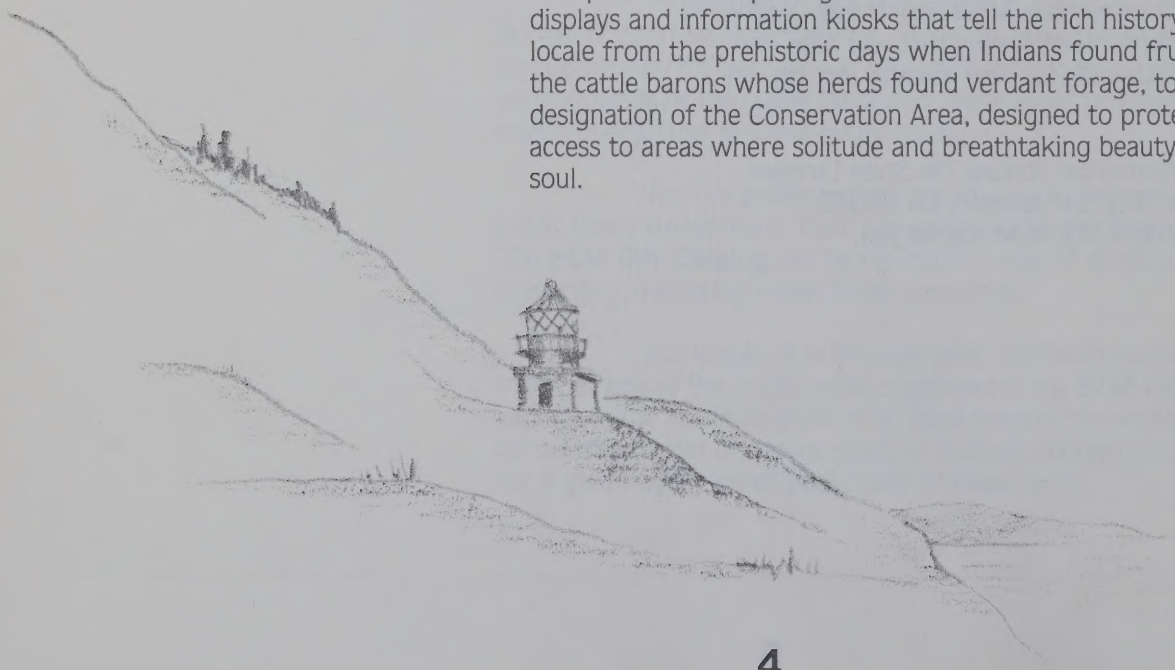
KING RANGE NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA



As a billowing curtain of fog lifts from this colorful stretch of California's rugged "Lost Coast," the King Range looms 4,000 feet above the secluded coastline. The majesty of the King Range National Conservation Area, with it's astonishing panorama of mountain peaks less than two miles from the roaring Pacific Ocean, attracts modern-day hikers, photographers, anglers, hunters and campers, intent on enjoying the monuments to prehistoric times and the 20th century Punta Gorda Lighthouse while they hike the 23 miles of scenic beach.

Visitors pass sites of early-day ocean commerce and nearby historic cattle ranches, while venturesome hikers relive the Old West as they climb historic trails leading to unscarred wild areas. Swaying grass of the meadows, heavy thickets of underbrush, stately conifers that have scorned the tide of time, and the call of the undiscovered beckon those with a desire to wander where they will.

This passion for exploring can be enhanced for the visitors with interpretive displays and information kiosks that tell the rich history of this beautiful locale from the prehistoric days when Indians found fruitful refuge here, to the cattle barons whose herds found verdant forage, to the more recent designation of the Conservation Area, designed to protect and provide access to areas where solitude and breathtaking beauty are good for the soul.



California's magnificent "Lost Coast" — the King Range National Conservation Area.

Several campgrounds in the area provide easy access to the many hiking trails in need of maintenance.

BLM PARTNERS are urgently needed to assist in providing interpretive displays at a number of sites where history demands an expression of the past, and there is a need to encourage visitors to protect these ancient sites.

"Lost Coast" interpretive displays are needed at:

Mackey Cabin	$450	Gift No. 0001
Punta Gorda Lighthouse	$450	Gift No. 0002
Abalone Point	$450	Gift No. 0003
Mouth-of-the-Mattole	$450	Gift No. 0004

Information kiosks would also help to identify significant cultural, historical, recreational, and wildlife resources in this beautiful area:

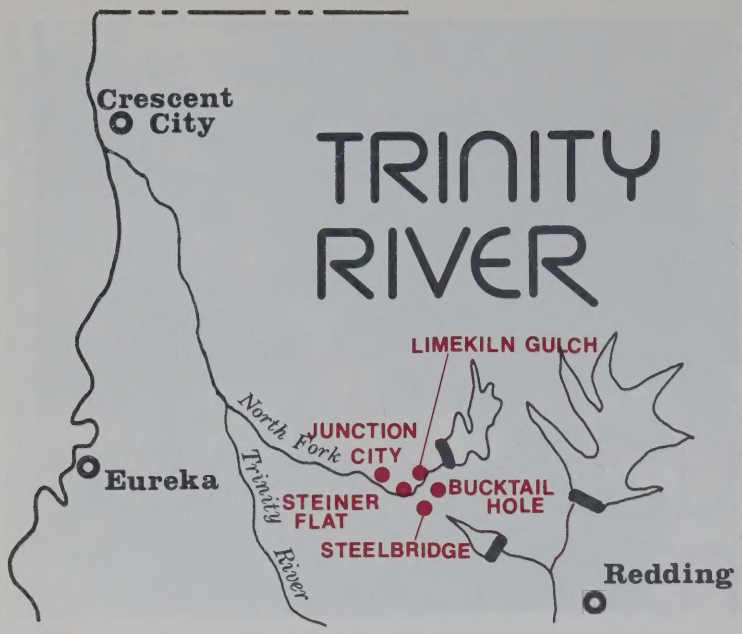
Mouth-of-the-Mattole	$2,000	Gift No. 0005
Shelter Cove Road	$2,000	Gift No. 0006

Popular hiking trails that traverse the green meadows and peaks need routine maintenance. Through BLM's Adopt-A-Trail program, PARTNERS can provide funds or labor:

King Crest Trail	Labor only	Gift No. 0007
Chemise Mountain Trail	Labor only	Gift No. 0008
Trail to Sinkyone	Labor only	Gift No. 0009

Brush clearance and tree planting would enhance wildlife habitat and the enjoyment by visitors of this magnificent area:

Brush clearing	$4,850	Gift No. 0010
10,000 seedling trees	$2,200	Gift No. 0011
Tree planting	$1,430	Gift No. 0012



In the twilight of the evening, the quiet pools of the Trinity River mirror a cloudless sky. A solitary hiker treads his way through dense undergrowth. Docile waters, pushed together by a narrowing canyon, rage unshackled as this clear, cold stream moves westwardly on its way to the Pacific Ocean.

Passing through a fascinating primitive area with its virgin forests and high sculptured peaks, the river has become one of the more popular recreation areas in Northern California offering angling, hunting, backpacking, photography, boating, rafting, tubing and riverside camping to visitors. The area draws thousands of recreationists, while still offering the opportunity for the quiet and solitude of remote mountainous country. Often, the only sounds are the rush of the river water, the call of the meadowlark, the scream of a hawk on the wing, or the rush of the wind among the trees.

BLM PARTNERS are asked to join in the initial development of this recreational area by contributing to the following:

Steiner Flat Primitive Campground:

Survey and design	$6,400	Gift No. 0013
Road construction	$10,000	Gift No. 0014
Campground toilets	$3,500 each	Gift No. 0015

Bucktail Hole day use area:

Survey and design	$4,350	Gift No. 0016
Road & parking area	$1,200	Gift No. 0017
Campground toilets	$3,500 each	Gift No. 0018
Picnic sites	$2,500 each	Gift No. 0019

Bucktail Hole fishing access:

Streamside trail construction	$1,200	Gift No. 0020

The Trinity Wild and Scenic River offers whitewater fun . . .

hiking and sightseeing . . .

as well as family enjoyment.

Steelbridge Campground:

Survey and design	$2,550		Gift No. 0021
Road and parking	$3,500		Gift No. 0022
New campsites	$4,250	each	Gift No. 0023
Water system	$2,000		Gift No. 0024

North Fork Campground/boat access:

Survey and design	$7,700		Gift No. 0025
Roads and parking	$12,000		Gift No. 0026
Campground toilets	$3,500	each	Gift No. 0027
Campsites	$600	each	Gift No. 0028
Day use sites	$500	each	Gift No. 0029
Boat ramp	$5,500		Gift No. 0030

Lewiston Bridge boat launch:

Toilet facility	$3,500	each	Gift No. 0031
Grading and gravel	$1,100		Gift No. 0032

Steiner Flat boat-in camp:

Survey and design	$2,400		Gift No. 0033
Toilet	$3,500	each	Gift No. 0034
Campground construction	$800		Gift No. 0035

Limekiln Gulch historic site:

Survey and design	$3,500		Gift No. 0036
Boat landing	$450		Gift No. 0037
Toilet	$3,500	each	Gift No. 0038
Interpretive sign	$900		Gift No. 0039

Riverside trail development:

Steelbridge-Limekiln Trail	$13,900		Gift No. 0040
Douglas City Trail	$13,000		Gift No. 0041

BIZZ JOHNSON TRAIL

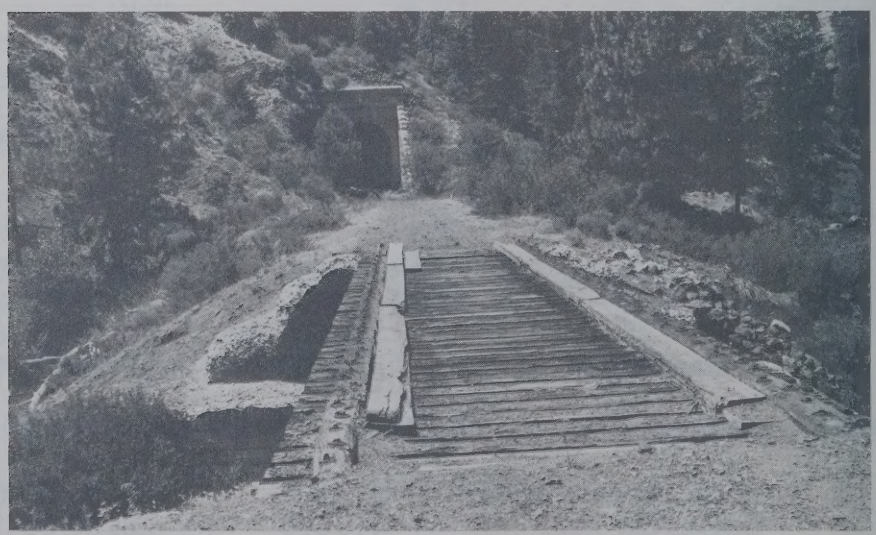
Hikers now go where trains once traveled.

The Bizz Johnson "Rails to Trails" conversion combines history and scenery.

Glistening pools and tumbling waters of the Susan River, murmuring alongside much of the Bizz Johnson Recreation Trail, enhance the natural beauty of this Lassen County area. Timeworn trestles and railroad ties of the long-abandoned Southern Pacific Susanville-to-Westwood spur line provides a source of rustic delight for hikers, cyclists and photographers as they hike along this nearly 25-mile scenic route.

The sunlit trail, rising gently as it follows the old railroad grade, offers special opportunities to photographers seeking to record the changing seasons of the year by catching willows and aspen in golden hues and deep reds as the summer ends. The trail's historic past for hauling lumber during the 1930's, 1940's, and 1950's offer opportunities for solitude as the hiker traverses this region with its multitude of wild creatures. Deer browse the wild grasses. Squirrels store acorns for the winter. An occasional coyote can be seen skirting the deep pools searching for prey.

The BLM has redecked the old railroad bridges for use as a part of the trail after Southern Pacific completed salvaging its rails and ties. The winding trail has the joint sponsorship of BLM and the Forest Service.



The trail can be enjoyed year-round.

Timeworn, sturdy trestles offer breathtaking views.

Information kiosks that outline the history of the area and present important information concerning the use and protection of the trail are needed.

Devil's Corral Kiosk	$2,500	Gift No. 0042
Hobo Camp Kiosk	$2,500	Gift No. 0043

Easy access to the trail is vital to visitors. A parking area needs to be completed:

Devil's Corral parking area	$6,000	Gift No. 0044

Hikers, photographers and other visitors need assistance even though the trail has a fairly easy grade. The trail is patroled through use of sturdily constructed bicycles:

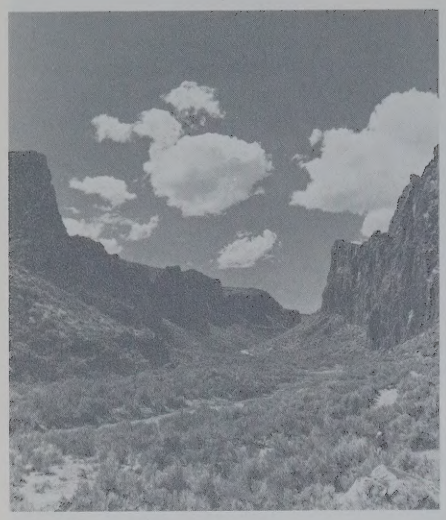
Trail bicycles	$400 each	Gift No. 0045

To enhance the visitor's enjoyment of this unique site, fire pits and grills need to be placed at desired locations:

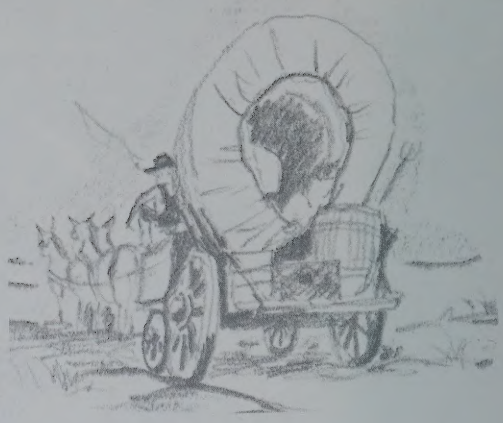
Fire pits and grills	$100 each	Gift No. 0046

Interpretive signs will help visitors enjoy the self-guided trail at Hobo Camp as well as along the length of the trail. They provide information vital to the visitor in this beautiful area:

Trail interpretive signs	$400 each	Gift No. 0047
Picnic tables	$350 each	Gift No. 0048



HIGH ROCK CANYON



Northeastern California's High Rock Canyon is a window to millions of years of geologic and human development.

Composed of a series of canyons formed over millions of years, High Rock Canyon east of Modoc County began its formation period between 10 million and 25 million years ago as massive flows of lava spilled across northwestern Nevada forming a broad volcanic tableland. Over the years, more recent volcano activity, high winds, and water carved the soft lava into awesome gorges. The canyon bottom, in some places, lies 100 feet below the old volcanic tableland. Sheer rock walls of 400 feet or more rise from the bottom meadows to rolling hills of sage.

The first people arrived as early as 10,000 B.C. They were drawn by abundant water and a great diversity of plants and animals. Archaeological investigations have begun to reveal the long and intricate story that such places hold. Some precious clues to the ancient way of life have been lost through vandalism and to arrowhead collectors.

High Rock Canyon was first recorded by Kit Carson and John C. Fremont in 1843. In 1846, the Applegate brothers, Jesse and Lindsay, convinced Oregon-bound settlers to adopt the route as a more direct alternative to the Old Oregon Trail. In 1849, Peter Lassen hailed the route as a shortcut to California's goldfields. Travelers often used caves along the route for overnight quarters.

Today, wagon ruts, preserved in the soft volcanic rock of the canyon floor, commemorate the journeys of the 49'ers, as do the visible names and dates engraved and painted in caves and on canyon walls.

Interpretive Signs	$200 each	Gift No. 0049
Roof for Conlan Camp (homestead cabin)	$1,000	Gift No. 0050
Restore Steven's Camp	$2,000	Gift No. 0051
Pole Canyon Land Exchange	$3,000-$5,000	Gift No. 0052
Conlan Camp Cleanup	Labor Only	Gift No. 0053
Volunteer Host	Labor Only	Gift No. 0054
Wilderness IMP Management		
Helicopter Aerial Surveillance	$170/hour	Gift No. 0055
Miscellaneous Needs:		
All-Terrain Vehicle	$2,500	Gift No. 0056
Motorcycle	$2,200	Gift No. 0057
Volunteer Fence Maintenance (wildlife exclusions)	Labor Only	Gift No. 0058

WILD HORSES & BURROS

As the blazing sun settles over the high desert valley, the mare and her foal race across the hills, side-by-side. They stop for a moment and the foal nuzzles the mare before playfully racing away again, bounding to the side of the wild stallion leading the herd of wild horses.

In nearby hills, the raucus and joyful braying reverberates across the lands, echoing through nearby canyons, as a herd of wild burros joins in greeting the new day from a hilltop.

These wild burros, removed from public lands to prevent overgrazing, are looking for a home off the range.

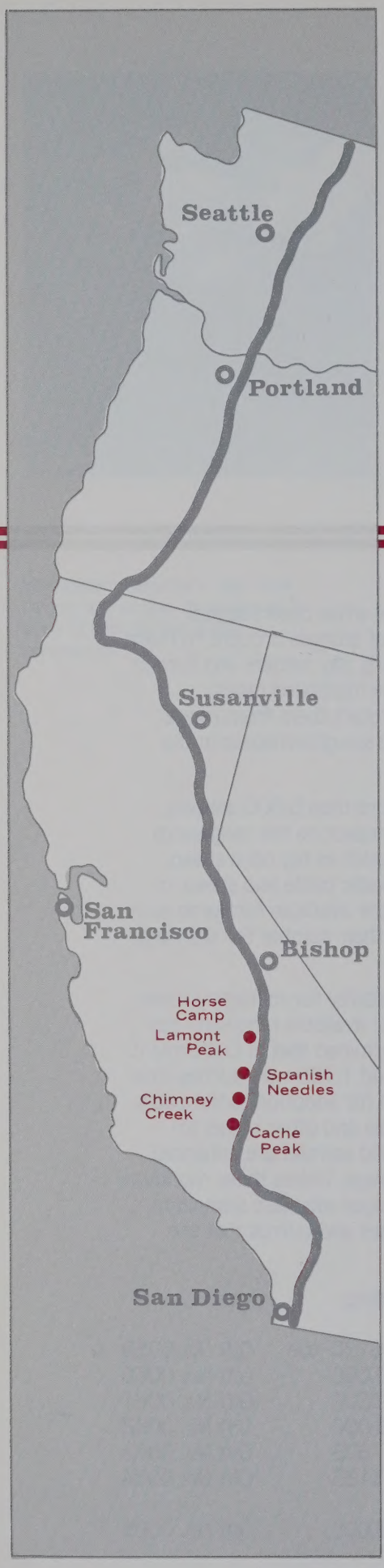
These wild animals, some of magnificent stature while others appear scrawny in their winter coats, are descendents of animals brought to these public lands many years ago by pioneers and early day settlers and turned loose when their usefulness was over. They have multiplied rapidly, especially since Federal laws were enacted to protect them from range wranglers who captured them and sold them to slaughterhouses in the 1960s and early 1970s.

Their increasing numbers, now estimated at more than 5,600 animals, (54,000 nationwide) are having a detrimental impact on the rangelands that also serve as forage for big game animals such as big horn sheep, antelope, and deer, as well as the herds of domestic cattle and sheep. In some areas, they have destroyed and depleted the available forage to such an extent that efforts must be made to reduce their number for the range to recover.

Congressional legislation has placed the responsibility for managing these herds with the BLM. To accomplish this goal, the available rangeland has been inspected by range experts who have determined that in California it can support approximately 1,900 wild horses and 1,700 wild burros. The excess animals must be rounded up and offered for adoption to the public. Adoption satellites are held throughout California and other states to provide homes. Most often, the lives of these wild animals are enhanced because they do not have to struggle to find forage. Unless these roundups continue, the animals remaining on the open ranges may face starvation. Homes must be found for over 8,000 wild horses and burros that are being held nationwide.

BLM PARTNERS can join in this effort by providing:

Baled hay	$120 ton	Gift No. 0059
Wild horse adoption van	$20,000	Gift No. 0060
Saddle horse tack	$200	Gift No. 0061
Wild horse brochure	$3,000	Gift No. 0062
Adopt-a-wild-burro	$75	Gift No. 0063
Adopt-a-wild-horse	$125	Gift No. 0064
Portable Adoption Facility for Holding Wild Horses & Burros	$5,000	Gift No. 0065



The Pacific Crest Trail presents challenges, yet incredible rewards, for hikers.

PACIFIC CREST NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

A 2500-mile path through the clouds, the Pacific Crest Trail reaches from Canada down through Washington, Oregon, and California to Mexico. It traverses the unmatched splendor and visual contrasts of 23 national forests, several wilderness areas, five state parks and seven national parks, and four Bureau of Land Management Districts providing solitude through cathedral-like forests, across golden grasses of foothill areas, clinging steadfast to bolder-strewn desert badlands, and close to the jagged peaks of cloud-covered mountains.

The hiker of the 1,600 miles of trail in California will take a rollercoaster hike from 13,000 feet elevation in the Sierra down to 1,100 feet in the desert flatlands near Palm Springs, passing through snow choked passes with winter temperatures well below zero, on to the 130 degree heat of the desert.

Treading over footpaths blazed by Indians, mountain men, and trappers, Pacific Crest Trail visitors can view the splendor of Yosemite Valley from afar, enjoy the solitude of volcanic Mt. Lassen, or venture past weather-worn and sagging mining sites of the desert country where the sounds of mining are said to echo even today.

The historic trail, however, remains incomplete. Among the incomplete portions are two BLM-managed sections, the Spanish Needles and Cache Peak portions, that need to be finished to provide an eventual border-to-border trail. PARTNERS are needed to assist in completing this task:

Spanish Needles Trail (7 miles)	$5 a foot	Gift No. 0066
Cache Peak Trail (40 miles)	$5 a foot	Gift No. 0067

Total costs: Spanish Needles, $350,000; Cache Peak, $500,000.

Spur trails enable visitors to reach the scenic Pacific Crest Trail. The 5-mile-long Lamont Peak Spur Trail in Tulare and Kern Counties is eroded and needs to be repaired:

Lamont Peak Spur Trail	$5 a foot	Gift No. 0068

Total cost: Lamont Peak Spur Trail, $125,000

Trailhead facilities that provide parking, corrals, and watering for equestrians are badly needed at Chimney Creek Campground.

Chimney Creek Trailhead	$30,000	Gift No. 0069

SODA LAKE MANAGEMENT AREA

Sandhill cranes take flight from Soda Lake on their way through the Pacific flyaway.

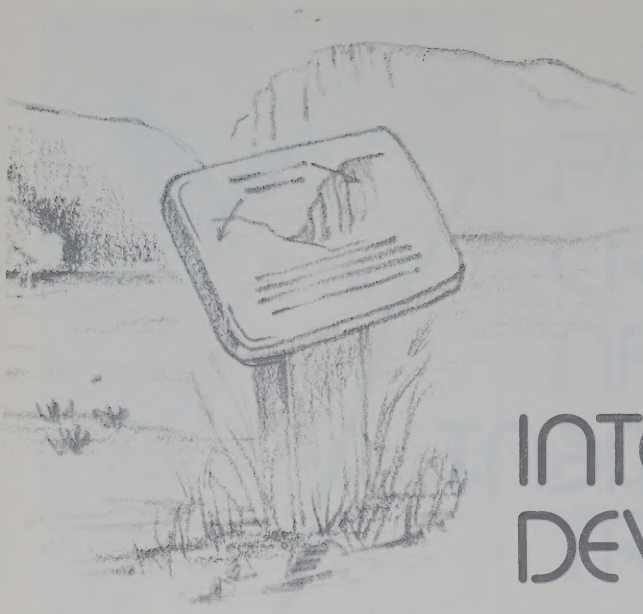
Pleasant sunny days and starry nights, and a food source of brine shrimp, draw more than 6,000 sandhill cranes back annually to the shores of Soda Lake, in eastern San Luis Obispo County, where the cranes join with thousands of other migratory birds using the Pacific flyway, to rest in the salty marsh area and surrounding scrub alfalfa fields.

The fields also provide an all-year home for the endangered San Joaquin kit fox, the blunt-nosed leopard lizard, and the giant kangaroo rat. Wintering bald eagles also find the lake a source of plentiful food. The State-listed endangered antelope ground squirrel can also be found near the alkaline lakeshore. The lake, bone dry about two-thirds of the year, has been set aside by the BLM for special management because of the importance to the sandhill cranes as a roosting habitat since most of their previous habitat was utilized for the expansion of agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley.

Protection of the present environment is vital to this uniquely desolate area, the fourth rarest habitat in California. Year-round fresh water must be provided to the multitude of animals and birds that use the area as a stopping place or as a permanent home.

BLM PARTNERS can contribute to an expansion of facilities at Soda Lake which will enhance observation of the birds visiting the area.

Bird observation platform	$750	Gift No. 0070
Interpretive display	$750	Gift No. 0071
Soda Lake parking areas	$1,000 each	Gift No. 0072
Soda Lake nature trails	$1,000 each	Gift No. 0073
Fresh water wildlife guzzler	$2,500	Gift No. 0074
900-gallon wildlife guzzler	$2,000	Gift No. 0075



INTERPRETIVE DEVICES

Vacationers or weekend visitors enjoy a hike through a forest glen past a weatherbeaten and misshapen cabin, or a desert drive where ancient Indian paintings are visible on the walls of a canyon. They wonder at an unusual rock formation of feathered and off-colored granite, or the historic meanings of circled stones, of ghost towns, or of mine tailings that drift from the side of a mountain.

Knowledge of the historic background of the area they are visiting often enhances, ten-fold, the enjoyment of visitors. Others may miss much of the beauty and uniqueness of an area because they are unaware of its many intriguing historic events and memories.The preservation of these historic resources, and protection of endangered plants and animals can be stressed through the use of interpretive materials which tell the story of a gold rush community, or Indian writings, or unusual rock formations.

Entrance sign to the East Mojave National Scenic Area

The Barstow Way Station
Entrepretive Center

BLM PARTNERS can assist BLM in enhancing the enjoyment of these public lands by contributing to the following:

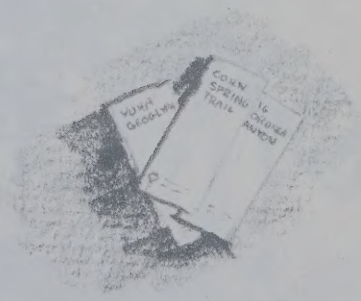
Museum display cases	$150 each	Gift No. 0076
High Rock Canyon signs	$200 each	Gift No. 0077
CDCA Desert route signs	$1,500	Gift No. 0078
Yuha Basin information signs	$27 each	Gift No. 0079
Yuha Desert exhibits	$5,000 each	Gift No. 0080
McCain Valley exhibits	$5,000 each	Gift No. 0081
Imperial Sand Dune exhibits	$5,000 each	Gift No. 0082
East Mojave Amphitheater	$1,000	Gift No. 0083
Imperial Intaglios brochure	$3,000	Gift No. 0084
Bradshaw Trail brochure	$2,500	Gift No. 0085
Mecca Hills brochure	$5,000	Gift No. 0086

Interpretive brochures are also needed, at $3,000 cost for 5,000 copies, for:

Chuckwalla Bench	$3,000	Gift No. 0087
Big Morongo Canyon	$3,000	Gift No. 0088
Plant harvesting guide	$3,000	Gift No. 0089
Animal adaptations	$3,000	Gift No. 0090
Past/modern desert plant uses	$3,000	Gift No. 0091
Indio Resource Area guides	$3,000	Gift No. 0092
Corn Springs Trail	$3,000	Gift No. 0093
Bradshaw Trail guide	$3,000	Gift No. 0094
Yuha Geoglyph	$3,000	Gift No. 0095

Other interpretive materials are needed at:

Advance Colony cultural site	$750	Gift No. 0096
Goose Lake cultural site	$500	Gift No. 0097
Chimney Creek cultural site	$750	Gift No. 0098
Elkhorn Plain	$500	Gift No. 0099
Piute Cypress display	$200	Gift No. 0100
Reef Ridge research area	$1,000	Gift No. 0101



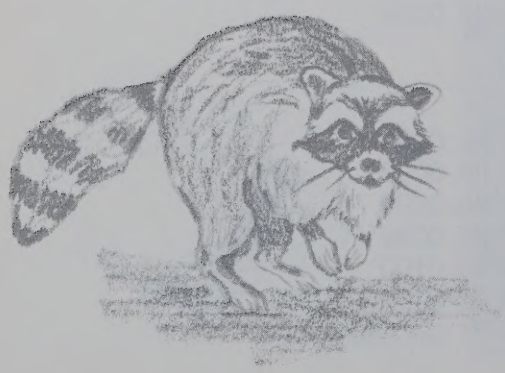
CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE

Through green forests nearly as ancient as the mountains themselves, across nature's architecture of the ages, in golden cascading streams, beside deep blue lakes, or through the dry and arid deserts — here is found the wildlife of California's public lands, living free while adding to the bountiful natural settings of the Golden State.

Hunters, anglers, photographers and sightseers all find recreation here. At times, however, the very pursuit of recreation, or livestock grazing, or mining may cause some of these wild animals to retreat from their historic home grounds to new habitats not so prone to human intrusion.

Both the 400-pound Peninsular bighorn sheep and the quarter-ounce desert pupfish need protection from man's intrusion into their natural habitats. Water can be the critical resource, vital to life, for the wide variety of animals and birds that inhabit the harsh California deserts.

BLM provides water guzzlers, those man-made water sources, throughout the public lands in a program that is the difference between life and death for many animals. Fencing protects water sources from the intrusion and damage of cattle, sheep, wild horses, and burros.



Chuckar near Stone

BLM PARTNERS can assist by providing funds for small game guzzlers, big game guzzlers, the development of water systems, or the fencing of water sources:

Indian Valley guzzlers	$560	each	Gift No. 0102
Siskiyou big game guzzlers	$2,500	each	Gift No. 0103
Tehama small game guzzlers	$500	each	Gift No. 0104
Eagle Lake big game guzzler	$2,300		Gift No. 0105
Desert small game guzzlers	$1,800	each	Gift No. 0106
Red Hills guzzlers	$2,000	each	Gift No. 0107
Iron Mountain guzzler	$3,500		Gift No. 0108
Desert water fencing	$6,800	mile	Gift No. 0109

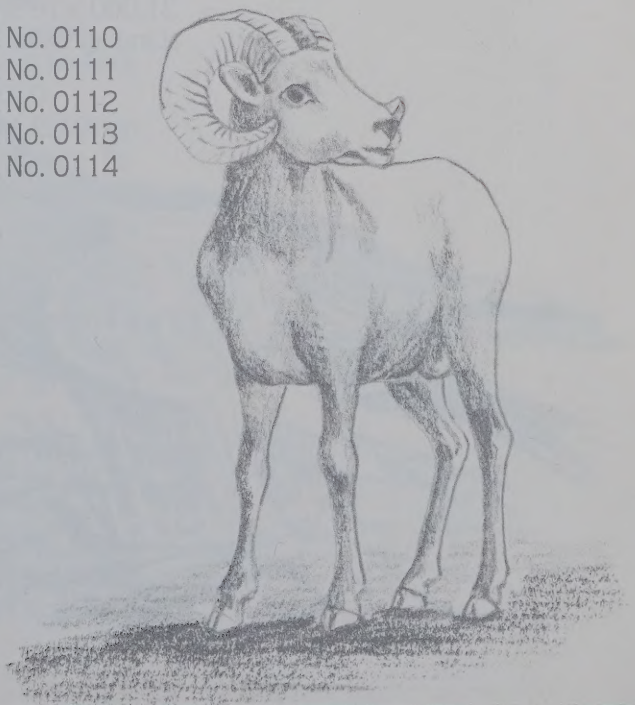
The tule elk, a state-listed species, is one of more than 800 wildlife species in California.

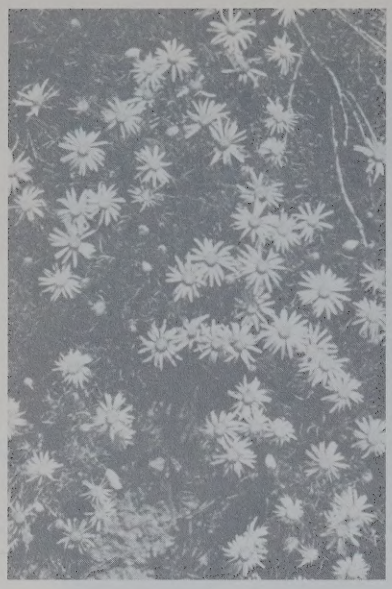
Guzzlers, or man-made facilities to catch water, are important to the survival of many wildlife populations.

Studying reclusive animals like the bighorn sheep is complex and expensive work.

Helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft are used to conduct surveys of wildlife as part of an ongoing program to determine habitat and wildlife populations as well as to monitor species, such as the bighorn sheep. Needed are:

Bighorn sheep copter survey	$440	hour	Gift No. 0110
Bighorn sheep aerial survey	$165	hour	Gift No. 0111
McCain Valley bighorn survey	$3,500		Gift No. 0112
Dèsert Training Center survey	$19,500		Gift No. 0113
McCain Valley prescribed burn	$1,600		Gift No. 0114





RAPTOR MANAGEMENT/ ENDANGERED SPECIES

Sensitive plant species, such as the Erigeron elegantulus, also need special attention.

Cooperative projects like the Carrizo Plains Macropreserve mean survival for endangered species such as the San Joaquin kit fox.

In cracks and crevices along the high ledges of the sheer cliffs rising above stark canyon floors and in nearby forests can be found the nesting sites of many of California's majestic raptors, nature's birds of prey. Some are rare, while others are listed as endangered and threatened with extinction, including the peregrine falcon, bald eagle, and California condor.

Most raptors are seen hovering over golden fields and streams, stalking their prey before plunging downward, swatting another bird from the air or scooping a wiggling trout from a stream or lake.

Overlaid on the diverse landscape are the distributional ranges of these species — the eagles, owls, falcons, vultures and hawks. Huge California condors perch at night on stark and shattered trees, and by morning, they rise slowly in the air drafts to search for carrion. The Harris Hawk, once extinct in California, has been reintroduced and now numbers more than one hundred.

The Bureau of Land Management is a leader in efforts to manage wildland habitats for the benefit of birds of prey. Bureau programs include the 31,000 acre Snake River Birds of Prey Natural Area in Idaho, long-standing financial and manpower support for the intensive peregrine falcon recovery efforts throughout the West, and habitat management and protection of raptors through routine consideration in the planning and environmental assessment processes. In California, the Bureau has active programs to monitor the largest peregrine falcon population in the 48 contiguous states, to do intensive habitat management planning for bald eagle territories, to study wintering eagles, to monitor the use of an important California condor night roost, and to disseminate information on raptor management and human impacts on raptors worldwide.

Other Bureau endangered species include the Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard, which occurs near Palm Springs, California; the desert slender salamander just south of Palm Springs; San Joaquin kit fox and the blunt-nosed leopard lizard in the southern San Joaquin Valley; and dozens of plant species throughout the state. The BLM is committed to the conservation of all threatened and endangered species and seeks the contribution of BLM PARTNERS to increase its efforts in this area.

Endangered Species Wildlife Fund	(any amount)	Gift No. 0115
Desert Tortoise Trend Plots (need to do 4 per year)	$7,600	Gift No. 0116
Monitoring Desert Bighorn Sheep Transplants (annually)	$6,000	Gift No. 0117
Promote Carrizo Plains Macro-preserve (for kit fox, leopard lizard, etc.)	(any amount)	Gift No. 0118

Two literature retrieval systems, the California Endangered Species Information System (CESIS) and the Raptor Management Information System (RMIS) are utilized by BLM as research and environmental tools in the enhancement of important species. The RMIS has nearly 4,000 published and unpublished documents on raptors. The CESIS is a BLM/Fish and Wildlife Service cooperative effort with a 1,700-document library. To augment the continuation of these systems, BLM PARTNERS can assist with contributions to further development and expansion:

Keyword/Abstract development (annually)	$5,000	Gift No. 0119
Volunteer expense reimbursements (annually)	$3,000	Gift No. 0120
New RMIS/CESIS acquisitions (annually)	$2,000	Gift No. 0121
Publish complete RMIS	$45,000	Gift No. 0122
Defray Student User Costs (annually)	$2,000	Gift No. 0123
Color Slide Storage Cabinet	$800	Gift No. 0124
File Cabinets	$800	Gift No. 0125

VOLUNTEER PROJECT

Volunteers can serve as campground hosts, helping fellow campers.

As the sun rises among the trees at the first streak of dawn, the BLM campground volunteer watches as a nearby squirrel devours his first meal of the day. The campground host knows that his efforts are crucial to the challenge of preserving the primitive and natural aspects of BLM campgrounds.

Volunteers are happy at the knowledge that the wildlife guzzlers they helped construct provide life-giving water to small animals that depend on the guzzlers. Other individuals who dedicate their labors to painting, carpentry work, fence building and campground cleanup know the feeling of accomplishment.

Some of these individuals offer their expertise to monitor wilderness areas, or do rare-plant research. Others offer to assist in photography, plumbing, ditch digging, or in guiding visitors to the beauty of the public lands. Personal dedication to accomplishment of specific assigned tasks, from campground hosts to building guzzlers offer the opportunity for personal triumphs.

BLM PARTNERS can give of their time and skills in the following ways:

Volunteer Hosts are needed:

High Rock Canyon Campground	Gift No. 0126
Eagle Lake Campground	Gift No. 0127
Eastern Sierra Campground	Gift No. 0128
Owl Canyon Campground	Gift No. 0129
Afton Canyon Campground	Gift No. 0130
McCain Valley Campgrounds	Gift No. 0131
Lake Campgrounds	Gift No. 0132
Cottonwood Campgrounds	Gift No. 0133
Dunes Vista Long Term Visitor Area	Gift No. 0134
Pilot Knob Long Term Visitor Area	Gift No. 0135
Tamarisk Long Term Visitor Area	Gift No. 0136
Hot Springs Long Term Visitor Area	Gift No. 0137

Planting seedlings near picnic areas and making sure they have a chance to grow is one of many tasks performed by volunteers.

A weather-worn picnic table receives a facelift from other BLM volunteers.

Hosts register visitors, answer questions, discourage vandalism, oversee campground use, water trees, monitor unattended firepits, and perform light maintenance. Volunteers have free camping for the summer.

Other important needs include:

Volunteer fence builders:

Plank Road	Gift No. 0138
Schnieder geoglyph	Gift No. 0139
Singer geoglyph	Gift No. 0140
Table Mountain	Gift No. 0141
McCain Valley	Gift No. 0142
Cottonwood Campground	Gift No. 0144

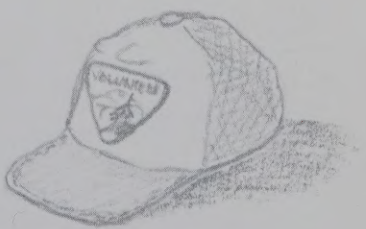
Campground Coordinator:

Gift No. 0145

Eastern Sierra
Campground volunteer:

Carpenter/painter	Gift No. 0146
Library cataloger	Gift No. 0147

Volunteers are also wanted to construct an equestrian campground at McCain Valley; three miles of hiking trails in Pepperwood Canyon; a back country campground in Pepperwood Canyon; collect trash from the Imperial Sand Dunes; install the Carrizo Overlook interpretive site; install road closure barricades at Table Mountain, Skull Valley and Coyote sites. Still others are needed for building trails, cleaning up sites, installing signs, preparing brochures, and giving out registration forms.



CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA

Thousands of winters have passed since the formation of the California Desert, those wastelands that proved deadly to some pioneers attempting to cross the arid and sandy lands by wagontrain. Cold or extremely hot, moist or very, very dry, the desert is a world of isolated beauty and abundant life.

Today, it is the playground for millions of visitors annually who relish the Joshua tree, the desert holly, the cactus and paloverde, or are captivated as moonlight floods an oasis, glinting like silver daggers on palm leaves. Dry lakes and sand dunes that change with the whim of the winds draw visitors back time after time.

This vast area of 25 million acres, within easy reach of one of the largest metropolitan areas in the nation, has been designated by Congress as the California Desert Conservation Area with a mandate to permit visitors to view the myriad of desert secrets while the historic natural treasures, including the endangered plant and animal life, are protected.

The Bureau of Land Management has the responsibility for 12.5 million acres, and through the California Desert Plan, has provided for use of the land for recreation while protecting the most valued natural resources. A caravan stretching for nearly a hundred miles can be seen each weekend as off-highway vehicle enthusiasts head for the desert.

Geoglyphs, or huge symbols etched into the desert by prehistoric Indians, are fascinating remnants of an ancient culture.

Desert campgrounds are designed to provide necessary facilities, yet blend into the surrounding landscape.

The California Desert has a special need for BLM PARTNERS to assist in carrying the responsibility for maintaining a safe and healthy environment on the desert. Contributions from PARTNERS can provide:

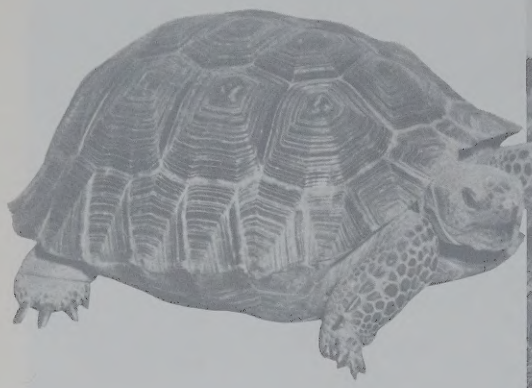
Yuha Geoglyph viewing platform	$3,000	Gift No. 0148
Mule Mountain LTVA improvements	$39,000	Gift No. 0149
Midland LTVA improvements	$20,000	Gift No. 0150
Picnic tables	$350 each	Gift No. 0151
Shade ramadas	$1,500 each	Gift No. 0152
Fire rings	$200 each	Gift No. 0153
(LTVA-Long Term Visitor Area)		

The Painted Canyon Road into the Mecca Hills Recreation Area in Riverside County, needs repair of damage from vehicle use and flash flooding. It leads from Highway 195 to Painted Canyon Campground.

Painted Canyon Road work	$1,800	Gift No. 0154

Special equipment needs for the Desert area include:

Binoculars	$500	Gift No. 0155
Instant Cameras (Polaroids)	$100	Gift No. 0156
ATV Equipment		
Helmets	$100	Gift No. 0157
Goggles	$25	Gift No. 0158
Gloves	$25	Gift No. 0159
Boots	$150	Gift No. 0160
Riding Clothes	$100	Gift No. 0161
Water Coolers	$50	Gift No. 0162
Cots	$50	Gift No. 0163
VCR	$600	Gift No. 0164
Video Camera	$1,000	Gift No. 0165
Television Monitor	$700	Gift No. 0166
Slide Projection Screen	$150	Gift No. 0167



The Desert Tortoise Natural Area and interpretive trail give visitors a chance to see these uniquely adapted reptiles up close.

Soda springs

The California Desert is a beautiful and ever-changing environment that demands wise, balanced management.

Rainbow Canyon, one of the many spectacular sites within BLM's California Desert Conservation Area.

Three-wheeling on all-terrain vehicles or ATVs in a popular pastime on California Desert dunes, particularly the popular Imperial Sand Dunes.

The Desert Tortoise Natural Area permits thousands of visitors to observe the desert tortoise and other wildlife in their natural environment. These observations are best done on a walking trail through the natural area, but resurfacing of the trail is vitally needed to prevent accidents to visitors and provide a level walking surface. The interpretive trail at the Kern County site, 5-1/2 miles north of California City on the Randsberg-Mojave Road, permits close scrutiny of the animals, while warning of the many dangers of desert life. The 16,000-acre preserve, which has been closed to vehicles since 1975 to protect the tortoises, has a very large tortoise population, surpassing 200 animals per square mile.

Desert tortoise trail repair	$5,500	Gift No. 0168

In 1862, the Bradshaw Trail was the only wagon route across Riverside County, with passengers, freight and the U.S. Mail carried. Today, the portion of the trail between the Salton Sea and Blythe remains much as it was 100 years ago. The story of the historic road needs to be told to the thousands of visitors through roadside monuments and exhibits.

Bradshaw Trail exhibits	$4,000	Gift No. 0169

Soda Springs, south of Baker in San Bernardino County, is a unique oasis-like area of the California Desert where history and the natural environment combine to entice and intrigue visitors. Ancient cultures used the site. Trails were used by the Mojave/Chemehuevi Indians. A railroad was constructed in the mid 1800's. Hancock's Redoubt military outpost was in use. Evidence of these early-day occupations by man are deteriorating. An interpretive center needs to be built to tell the history of the springs and to collect artifacts of the ancient life.

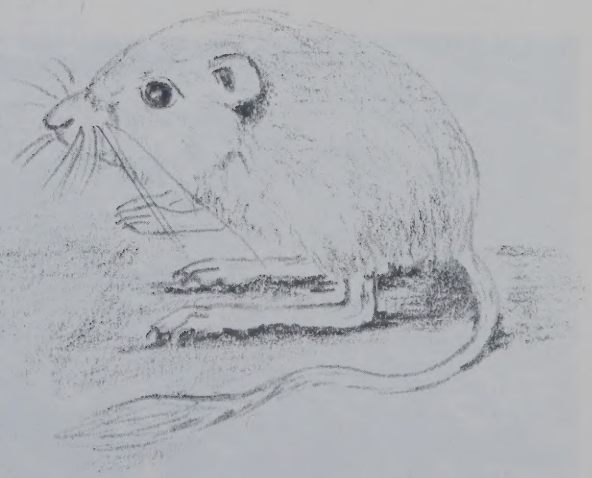
Soda Springs interpretive center	$126,500	Gift No. 0170

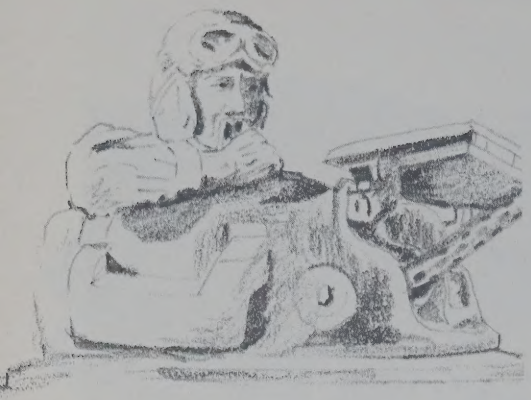
Some areas of the desert, like Amargosa Canyon wetlands north of Baker have extensive bird populations. Monitoring of bird populations and enhancement of habitat is important to their maintenance.

Amargosa Canyon bird survey	$3,600-$5,000	Gift No. 0171

Thousands of off-highway vehicle (OHV) enthusiasts, journeying along I-10, use the Wiley Well, Cactus City and Whitewater rest areas. Communicating information on OHV recreation opportunities in the desert, listing the regulations on OHV use on BLM lands, and presenting other desert information is important to both enjoyment and protection of these arid reaches.

Wiley Well information kiosk	$3,600	Gift No. 0172
Cactus City information kiosk	$3,600	Gift No. 0173
Individual information panels	$900	Gift No. 0174





PATTON'S DESERT TRAINING CENTER PROJECT

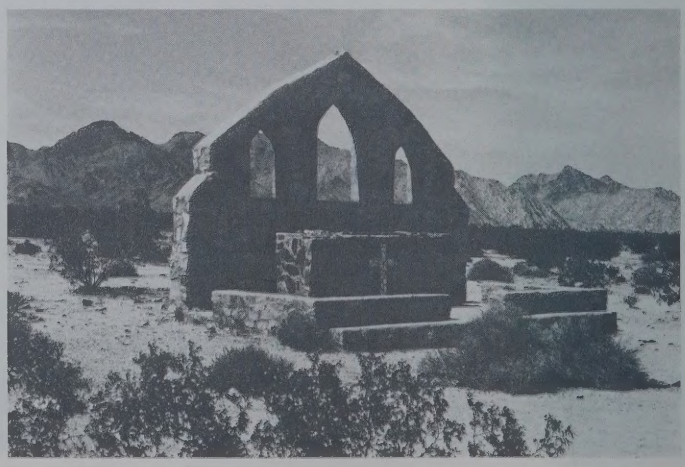
Hellishly hot days followed by chilly nights, endless sand and storms of dust greeted the hundreds of thousands of armored division troops sent to the California Desert for training in desert warfare at General George S. Patton's Desert Training Center in the early 1940's. While Nazi Germany ruled Europe from Norway southward into the North African Desert, American troops were enduring temperature variations and the harshness of life in the California Desert.

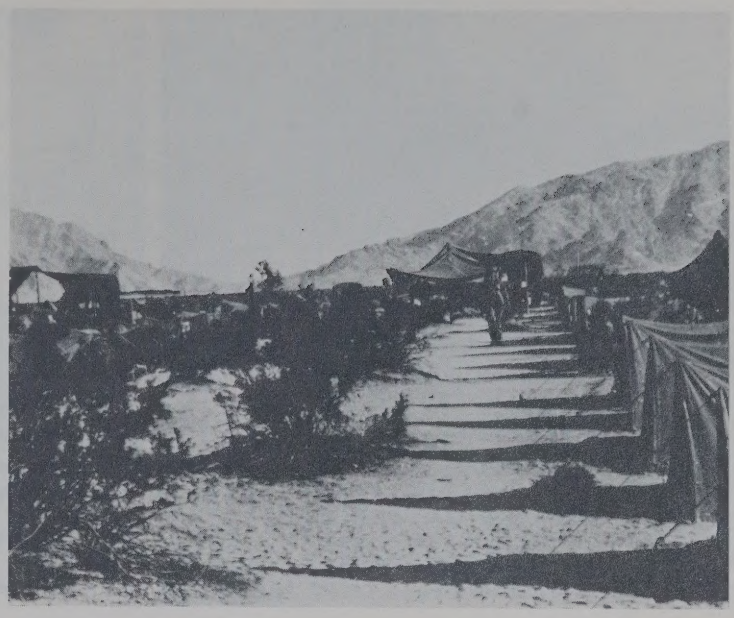
A tennis court sized relief map of the Desert Training Center helped soldiers to visually see what they would face during their training exercises. Their daily battle with the elements gave them a familiarity with rough terrain, sands, dust storms, lack of water and supplies and helped test the vigor of man and machine and prepare them for the great battles of WWII.

General Patton himself, was a dominent figure to his troops. "Old Blood and Guts", as he was called by his men, put every item of military hardware, and every man in his command, through the test of the desert. He left nothing to chance, wanting to know how well men and machine could stand the rigors of desert combat. It was this preparation that gave his troops the ability to fight effectively against the Axis machine in the African desert.

Stones, hand-set in 1942, proudly identify the military units involved in the Desert Training Center.

The Training Center's chapel as it appears today.





A flag and stone marker commemorates the Training Center history near Iron Mountain. A Patton museum to house memorabilia is planned by veterans' groups and others.

The Desert Training Center Headquarters near Iron Mountain as it appeared in 1942. (Photo courtesy of William Holloway, Milwaukie, OR)

Today, more than 40 years after the Desert Training Center was closed, the tracks of Patton's Tank Corps are still visible in the desert. Many veterans of that training have returned to the site to renew memories and relive, if only for a few moments, the strenuous training they underwent. Many of these men have proposed the establishment of a memorial to General Patton to be located at the old campsites. Others have expressed a desire to relate their experiences so the most extensive training maneuvers in the history of war will not be forgotten.

The Bureau of Land Management, which now has jurisdiction over the training center sites, realizes that preservation of these personal and official accounts of this historic area is an important project which needs to be undertaken quickly before memories are lost forever. Plans are underway to prevent deterioration of the sites and to stop vandalism. The project envisions some restoration of rock mosaics and relief map and the construction of information kiosks to tell the story of this piece of history.

BLM PARTNERS can assist with the following:

Oral History Project	$60,000	Gift No. 0175
Archival and Literature Research by Historian	$40,000	Gift No. 0176
Camp Field Inventory	$300,000	Gift No. 0177
Artifact Repository Space (Annually)	$5,000	Gift No. 0178
Copying Photographic Records	$15/photo	Gift No. 0179
Educational Site Brochure	$500/thousand	Gift No. 0180
Interpretive Bulletin Boards	$500 each	Gift No. 0181
Restoration of Camp Roads	$5,000 per mile	Gift No. 0182
Relief Map Restoration Study	$5,000	Gift No. 0183
Rock Mosaic Restoration	$1,000 each	Gift No. 0184

BLM Library
Denver Federal Center
Bldg. 85, OC-521
P.O. Box 25047
Denver, CO 80225

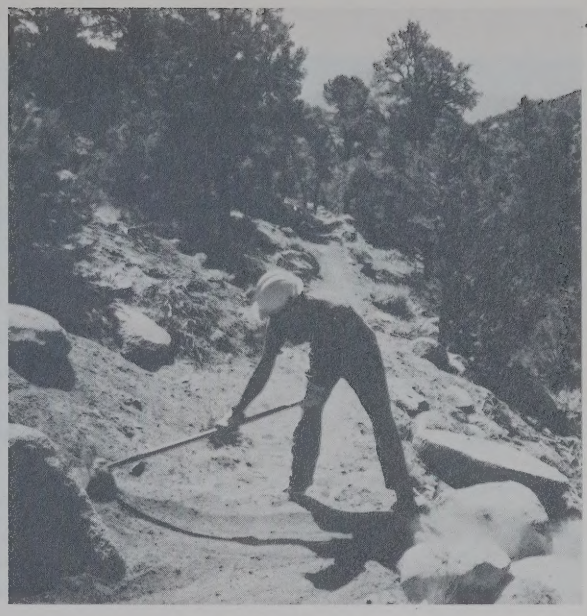
RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

This hiker is enjoying the solitude of the California Desert near Baker.

Reminiscences of bearded Spanish sailors and early day Indian canoes help to draw visitors to the magic of the rivers, confronting the cascading streams in tossing rafts, or lazily floating down the stream on a drowsy summer afternoon. Hiking under a canopy of magnificent forests adorned with green and gold. Exhileration in roaring across a sand dune in a modern all-terrain vehicle at the first streak of a new dawn. The challenge and hope that is combined in the labors of panning for gold in a cold mountain stream.

All of these, and many more, are examples of the recreational fun available to those seeking relaxation and memories of a day in the sun. Nature lovers, photographers and artists enjoy the creatures, wildflowers and forested wilderness and roadless areas which offer solitude while canyons containing ancient rock art draw those searching for an historic tie to their ancestors.

The pressures of modern living create immense need for the get-away-from-it-all opportunities. The public lands, under jurisdiction of the BLM, often are the only open areas available to the mass of recreation seekers who journey to the hot deserts, the cool mountains, the golden foothills or the turbulent seashores.



Groups such as the Southern California Sandhoppers help educate other off-roaders to clean-up after themselves in heavily used areas like the Imperial Sand Dunes.

BLM also needs help maintaining hiking trails for visitors throughout the State.

With these masses comes the litter, and cleanup projects must follow each weekend of heavy activities. PARTNERS are needed to contribute towards this effort to maintain recreational areas:

Imperial Sand Dune cleanup	$42,000	Gift No. 0185
Rand Mountain OHV cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0186
Spangler Hills cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0187
Jawbone Canyon cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0188
Dove Springs cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0189
Mecca Hills cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0190
Windy Point cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0191
Dumont Dunes cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0192
Johnson Valley cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0193
Stoddard Area cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0194
Rasor Area cleanup	$2,000	Gift No. 0195

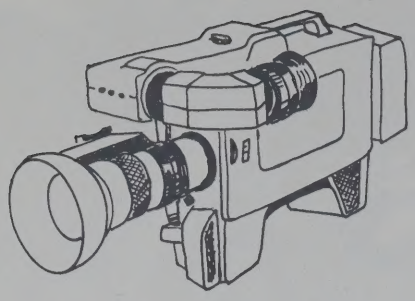
The signing of each of these areas against trash dumping can be accomplished at an estimated cost of $1,000 per area.

Providing adequate family picnic facilities for the enjoyment of this family pasttime is essential:

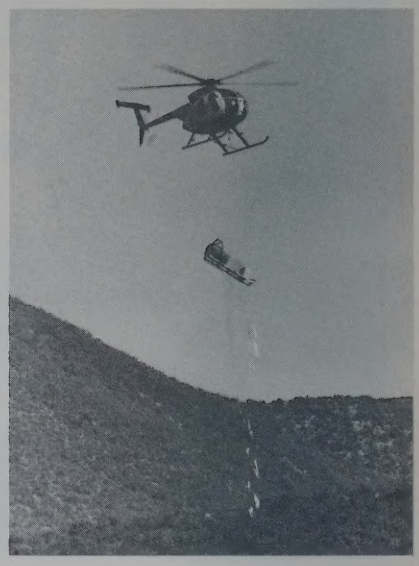
Cottonwood Campground picnic tables	$350 each	Gift No. 0196

The North Fork Kaweah River in the Caliente Resource Area receives heavy recreation use. No facilities are presently available at this beautiful riverfront site with its grassy knolls and shady areas.
Full development of this special recreation management area in Tulare County will require picnic and sanitation facilities for three heavily used sites. PARTNERS are needed for the following:

Picnic tables	$200 each	Gift No. 0197
Fire rings	$100 each	Gift No. 0198
Vault toilets	$4,000 each	Gift No. 0199
Refuse pickup contract	$1,500	Gift No. 0200



SPECIAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS



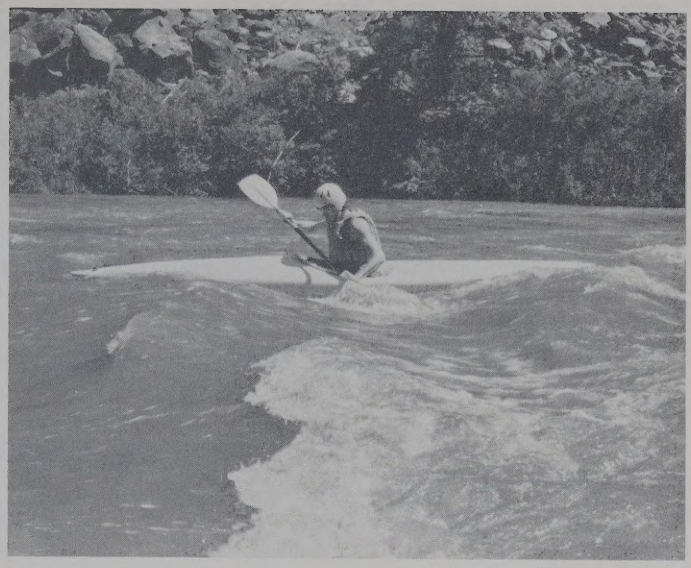
Whether all-terrain vehicles for desert patrol, or rafts and kayaks for whitewater safety, search and rescue is only one part of the reason BLM has an ongoing need for special equipment. Bulldozers are needed for fire suppression and hazard reduction. Road graders must continually level desert roads that have been damaged by flash floods. Snowmobiles provide transportation to remote areas during heavy winter snows.

BLM PARTNERS can assist BLM in its life saving efforts by contributing to the following:

All-terrain vehicle	$2,500	each	Gift No. 0201
Motorcycle	$2,200	each	Gift No. 0202
Utility trailer	$450	each	Gift No. 0203
Flatbed trailer	$2,000	each	Gift No. 0204
Snowmobile	$2,500	each	Gift No. 0205
Prescribed burn helitorch	$5,500		Gift No. 0206
Horizontal drill	$12,000		Gift No. 0207
15-ton utility trailer	$13,200		Gift No. 0208
River Ranger raft	$4,400		Gift No. 0209
River Ranger kayaks	$1,700	each	Gift No. 0210

Road maintenance, fire suppression and hazard reduction requires:

D6 Dozer	$55,000	Gift No. 0211
Road grader	$170,000	Gift No. 0212



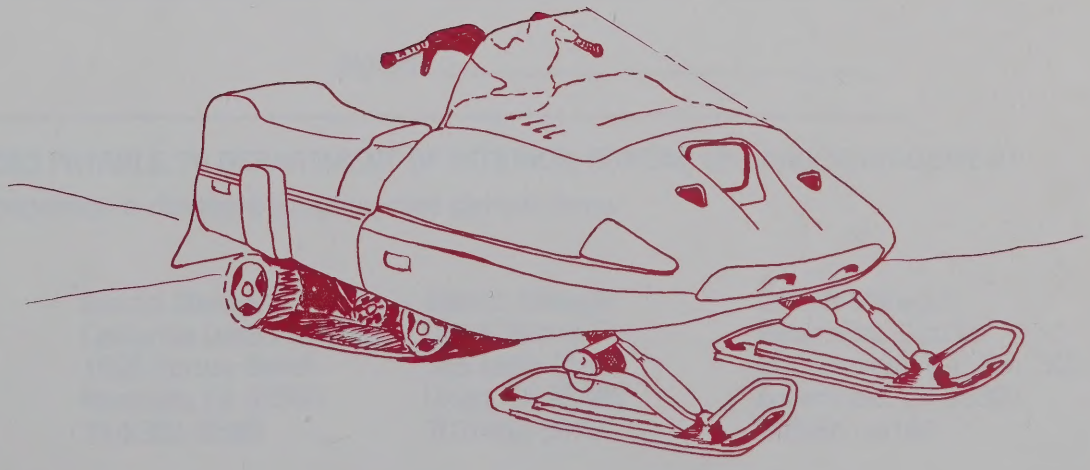
Specialty equipment such as helitorches, used to set fires for prescribed burns, are important management tools.

Managing public lands and waters often requires special equipment, such as this river raft, here in use on the Stanislaus River.

Kayaks for BLM river rangers are also needed for management and public safety purposes.

Other special equipment needs include:

Computer reader/printer	$10,000		Gift No. 0213
Video camera/monitor	$2,200	each	Gift No. 0214
Movie projector	$300		Gift No. 0215
Portable weather station	$3,500		Gift No. 0216
Microfiche reader/printer	$2,000	each	Gift No. 0217
Portable video camera	$3,000	each	Gift No. 0218
Computers/software	$8,000	each	Gift No. 0219
Mini-field Computer (Hewlett Packard 86B)	$3,500		Gift No. 0220



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